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Hon. Wm. Lloyd Garrison_

Dear Sir: I send to you by to-days mail copies of my address made during the recent canvass in South Carolina. I would State that I am a native of S. C., that I graduated at South Carolina College in 1856, receiving 5th appointment in a class of 33, that I was unanimously elected Valedictory Orator of the Clariosophic Society, that I had as my preceptor at College in 1854, '55 and '56, that eminent publicist and jurisconsult Dr Francis Lieber, of whose various works I have been a constant student, that I was admitted to the Bar before Chief Justice John Belton O'Neall at Columbia in 1859, that I have been diligently engaged in the practice of law, except during the period of the late war, that I served in all the campaigns with General Longstreet, attaining the rank of Lieut.-Colonel in the Confederate army, that I was often recommended for promotion by my commanding Generals for signal gallantry displayed on many fields of battle, that I was shot with five balls at Fort Harrison Va., that when the war

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ended, I adopted its results in good faith, like General Longstreet, that I have been an ardent Republican since then, that because my Father, too, dared to be a Republican his residence was surrounded at midnight by armed bands of Ku Klux and he was shot with seven balls, that he recovered and has been doing great service for Republicanism in S. C. tho' he had hundreds of slaves before the war, that he was a delegate to the Cincinnatti Convention, and headed the Ticket as Republican Presidential Electer for S. C. and cast his vote for President Hayes, that my grand-Father Major Wm. Smith and my great Uncle Major General Richard Winn were distinguished officers in the Revolutionary army, and both were afterward members of the United States Congress from S. C.

I have written thus, dear Sir, to let you know what some of the native Southerners are doing, and I hope the National Government will now give us some encouragement. I have been recommended to the President by Gov. Chamberlain, for appointment to a Diplomatic or Judicial position, and I hope to be appointed Minister to Italy. I think General Sherman will favor my

appointment. I feel, dear Sir, you will favor the advancement of Southerners who are now in the files of the progressive legion, and hence I address you.

Can you not have my address noticed in some of the Boston Republican papers? If they should notice it please send me copies of the papers. I am laboring in the cause of true Republicanism, and any encouragement you can give will be most gratefully appreciated.

Most Truly yours,
J. C. Winsmith.

Since the war ended I was appointed Brigadier General of the National Guard of S. C. by Gov. Orr and Gov. Scott.

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